

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 6 is a diagrammatic perspective view partly in cross-section, ~~taken on the line VI-VI in Fig. 3~~ of a ring-shaped element surrounding a shaving head in accordance with the invention;

After the paragraph ending at page 2, line 32, please add the following new paragraphs:

FIG. 9 illustrates a shaving aid retention means comprising a spiral-shaped pattern of ridges.

FIG. 10 illustrates a shaving aid retention means comprising a star-shaped pattern of ridges.

FIG. 11 illustrates a shaving aid retention means comprising a flower-shaped pattern of ridges.

FIG. 12 illustrates a shaving aid retention means comprising a pattern of dimples.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The shaving head of Fig. 4 differs from shaving heads of prior art shavers in that shaving aid retaining means have been provided in the skin contact region 16 within the annular cutting member 4. The shaving aid retaining means in this example comprise a number of concentric ridges 30, 31, 32. In this example the

concentric ridges are part of a profiled decorative cap 33 which is placed on a flat portion [[34]] of the shaving head within the annular cutting member 4. If so desired the flat portion [[34]] itself may be provided with a profiled surface. The decorative cap 33 is shown in cross-section on a somewhat larger scale in Fig. 5.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Though the shaving aid retaining means described above and shown in Figs. 4 and 5 do comprise a number of circular concentric ridges, it will be understood that any type of profile which prevents additive from flowing straight and unimpeded to the hair trapping apertures may be used. For example, a star-shaped pattern of ridges (see, e.g., FIG. 10), a flower-shaped pattern of ridges (see, e.g., FIG. 11), or spiral-shaped pattern of ridges (see, e.g., FIG. 9), or a pattern of dimples as on a golf ball (see, e.g., FIG. 12) or similar surface patterns may be used. Furthermore, the decoration cap may have a low friction surface.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the above description, the invention has been explained with reference to a shaver having one or more cutting units of the rotary type. However, the invention does apply to other types of electric shavers like shavers having one or more cutting units of a vibrating type. Such cutting units generally have a bank of parallel cutter elements which in use vibrate below a perforated foil. The area around and, if applicable, between such vibrating cutters may be provided with shaving aid retaining means in accordance with the present invention. An example of such a shaver is disclosed in WO 02/051598 and is shown in Fig. 7. Fig. 7 diagrammatically

shows an electric shaver 50 having a housing 51, a skin contact surface 52, and two cutting units 53 having outer cutting members 55 in the form of shaving foils and inner cutting members 56 cooperating with said foils. The skin contact surface 52 may be provided with one or more ridges and/or grooves along the tunnel-shaped shaving foils ~~[[53]]~~55. Such ridges and/or grooves may be similar to the ridges and/or grooves disclosed above for the skin support member surrounding the annular cutting members. In the case of tunnel-shaped shaving foils 55, however, the ridges and/or grooves may just extend along the long side of the foil(s) 55. Of course it would be possible to have such ridges and/or grooves surround the tunnel-shaped foil(s) 55. Instead of elongate ridges and/or grooves, furthermore, a suitable pattern of dimples (golf ball pattern) or the like may be used.

Please replace the Abstract of the invention with the following rewritten Abstract:

~~Shaving~~ A shaving apparatus having a skin contact surface ~~(9,15,16)~~ accommodating at least one cutting unit ~~(3)~~ comprising~~including~~ an external stationary cutting member ~~(4)~~ and a matching internal cutting member ~~(6)~~ and a device ~~(18-20)~~ for providing a shaving aid to said skin contact surface (9,15,16), wherein also includes a shaving aid retaining means ~~(35,48)~~ are~~retainer~~ provided on at least part of said the skin contact surface ~~(9,15,16)~~.

~~Fig. 4~~